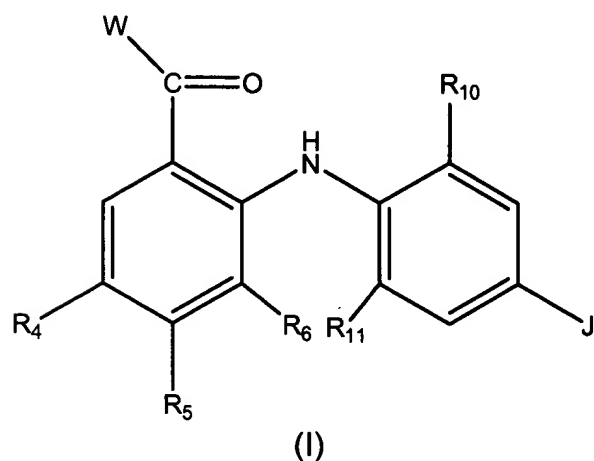


## **AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

### **Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1. (Previously presented) A compound of formula (I):



wherein

W is OR<sub>1</sub>, NR<sub>2</sub>OR<sub>1</sub>, NR<sub>A</sub>R<sub>B</sub>, NR<sub>2</sub>NR<sub>A</sub>R<sub>B</sub>, O(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>1-4</sub>NR<sub>A</sub>R<sub>B</sub>, NR<sub>2</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>1</sub> NR<sub>A</sub>R<sub>B</sub>, O(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>1-4</sub>OR<sub>1</sub>, or NR<sub>2</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>1</sub> OR<sub>1</sub>;

R<sub>1</sub> is H, C<sub>1-8</sub> alkyl, C<sub>2-8</sub> alkenyl, C<sub>2-8</sub> alkynyl, C<sub>3-8</sub> cycloalkyl, phenyl, (phenyl)C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, (phenyl)C<sub>2-4</sub> alkenyl, (phenyl)C<sub>2-4</sub> alkynyl, (C ~ cycloalkyl)C ~ alkyl, (C<sub>3-8</sub> cycloalkyl)C<sub>2-4</sub> alkenyl, or (C<sub>3-8</sub> cycloalkyl)C<sub>2-4</sub> alkynyl;

each of R<sub>2</sub> and R<sub>3</sub> is independently H, phenyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>3-8</sub> alkynyl, C<sub>3-8</sub> cycloalkyl, or (C<sub>3-8</sub> cycloalkyl)C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl;

each of R<sub>4</sub>, R<sub>5</sub> and R<sub>6</sub> is independently H, Cl, F, or Br;

$R_A$  is H,  $C_{1-6}$  alkyl,  $C_{3-8}$  alkenyl,  $C_{3-8}$  alkynyl,  $C_{3-8}$  cycloalkyl, phenyl,  $(C_{3-8}$  cycloalkyl) $C_{1-4}$  alkyl,  $(C_{3-8}$  cycloalkyl) $C_{2-4}$  alkenyl,  $(C_{3-8}$  cycloalkyl) $C_{2-4}$  alkynyl, (aminosulfonyl)phenyl, [(aminosulfonyl)phenyl] $C_{1-4}$  alkyl, (aminosulfonyl) $C_{1-6}$  alkyl, (aminosulfonyl) $C_{3-6}$  cycloalkyl, or [(aminosulfonyl) $C_{3-6}$  cycloalkyl] $C_{1-4}$  alkyl;

$R_B$  is H,  $C_{1-8}$  alkyl,  $C_{2-8}$  alkenyl,  $C_{2-8}$  alkynyl,  $C_{3-8}$  cycloalkyl, or phenyl;

J is  $SR_C$ ,  $SO_2R_C$ ,  $SO R_C$ ,  $SO_2NR_D R_E$ ,  $C_{1-8}$  alkyl,  $C_{2-8}$  alkenyl,  $C_{2-8}$  alkynyl,  $C_{3-8}$  cycloalkyl,  $C_{5-8}$  cycloalkenyl, phenyl,  $(C_{3-8}$  cycloalkyl) $C_{1-4}$  alkyl,  $(C_{3-8}$  cycloalkyl) $C_{2-4}$  alkenyl,  $(C_{3-8}$  cycloalkyl) $C_{2-4}$  alkynyl, or (cycloalkyl)- $M'$ - $E'$ - $G'$ ,

$M'$  is O, SO,  $SO_2$ ,  $NR_E$ ,  $(CO)NR_E$ ,  $NR_E(CO)$ ,  $SO_2NR_E$ ,  $NR_ESO_2$ , or  $CH_2$ ;

$E'$  is absent (a covalent bond),  $(CH_2)_{1-4}$  or  $(CH_2)_m O(CH_2)_p$  where  $1 \leq$  (each of m and p independently)  $\leq 3$  and  $2 \leq (m + p) \leq 4$ ;

$G'$  is  $OR_3$ ,  $SO_2R_G$ , or  $NR_F R_G$ ; provided that where  $p = 1$ , then  $G'$  is H;

each of  $R_C$ ,  $R_D$ ,  $R_E$ ,  $R_F$  and  $R_G$  is independently selected from H,  $C_{1-6}$  alkyl,  $C_{2-4}$  alkenyl,  $C_{2-4}$  alkynyl,  $C_{3-6}$  cycloalkyl, and phenyl;

$R_{10}$  is H,  $C_{1-4}$  alkyl, halo,  $NO_2$ , or  $SO_2NR_H R_i$ ; and

$R_{11}$  is H, halo, or  $NO_2$ ;

wherein each hydrocarbon radical above is optionally substituted with between 1 and 3 substituents independently selected from halo,  $C_{1-4}$  alkyl,  $C_{3-6}$  cycloalkyl,  $C_{2-4}$  alkenyl,  $C_{2-4}$  alkynyl, phenyl, hydroxy, amino, (amino)sulfonyl, and  $NO_2$ , wherein each substituent alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl or phenyl is in turn optionally substituted with between 1 and 3 substituents independently selected from halo,  $C_{1-2}$  alkyl, hydroxy, amino, and  $NO_2$ ;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or C<sub>1-7</sub> ester thereof.

Claim 2. (Original) A compound of claim 1, wherein R<sub>C</sub> is C<sub>1-2</sub> alkyl.

Claim 3. (Original) A compound of claim 1, wherein W is OH.

Claim 4. (Original) A compound of claim 1, wherein W is NHOH,

Claim 5. (Original) A compound of claim 1, wherein W is  
NHO(cyclopropylmethyl).

Claim 6. (Original) A compound of claim 1, wherein R<sub>10</sub> is methyl or chloro.

Claim 7. (Original) A compound of claim 1, where R<sub>11</sub> is fluoro.

Claim 8. (Original) A compound of claim 1, where R<sub>11</sub> is H.

Claim 9. (Original) A compound of claim 1, wherein J is trihalomethyl or  
methylthio.

Claim 10. (Cancelled).

Claim 11. (Original) A compound of claim 1, wherein J is SO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>

Claim 12. (Original) A compound of claim 1, wherein J is SOCH<sub>3</sub>

Claim 13. (Original) A compound of claim 1, wherein J is C<sub>2-8</sub> alkynyl where the  
triple bond is between the carbon atoms alpha and beta to the phenyl group.

Claim 14. (Original) A compound of claim 1, wherein R<sub>1</sub> has at least one hydroxy  
substituent.

Claim 15. (Original) A compound of claim 1, wherein R<sub>1</sub> is H, methyl, ethyl, propyl,  
isopropyl, isobutyl, benzyl, phenethyl, allyl, C<sub>3-5</sub> alkenyl, C<sub>3-5</sub> alkynyl, C<sub>3-6</sub>cycloalkyl,  
(C<sub>3-5</sub> cycloalkyl)C<sub>1-2</sub> alkyl, or (C<sub>3-5</sub> heterocyclic radical)-C<sub>1-2</sub> alkyl.

Claim 16. (Original) A compound of claim 15, wherein R<sub>1</sub> is H or (C<sub>3-4</sub> cycloalkyl)-  
C<sub>1-2</sub> alkyl.

Claim 17. (Original) A compound of claim 1, wherein  $R_2$  is H, methyl,  $C_{3-4}$  alkynyl,  $C_{3-5}$  cycloalkyl, or ( $C_{3-5}$  cycloalkyl)methyl.

Claim 18. (Previously presented) A compound of claim 1, wherein  $R_A$  is H, methyl, ethyl, isobutyl, hydroxyethyl, hydroxypropyl, cyclopropylmethyl, cyclobutylmethyl,  $C_{2-4}$  alkynyl, phenyl, 2,3-dihydroxy-propyl, or 2-diethylamino-ethyl; and  $R_B$  is H; or where  $R_B$  is methyl and  $R_A$  is phenyl.

Claim 19. (Original) A compound of claim 1, wherein each of  $R_4$  and  $R_6$  is H, and  $R_5$  is F.

Claim 20. (Original) A compound of claim 1, wherein each of  $R_4$ ,  $R_5$ , and  $R_6$  is F.

Claim 21. (Original) A compound of claim 1, wherein each of  $R_4$  and  $R_5$  is F and  $R_6$  is Br.

Claim 22. (Original) A compound of claim 1, wherein  $R_5$  is F.

Claim 23. (Original) A compound of claim 1, having the structure: 4-fluoro-2-(2-methyl-4-methylsulfanyl-phenylamino)-benzoic acid; 5-bromo-3,4-difluoro-2-(2-methyl-4-methylsulfanyl-phenylamino)-benzoic acid; 3,4-difluoro-2-(4-methanesulfinyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzoic acid; 2-(4-methanesulfinyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-4-nitro-benzoic acid; 3,4,5-trifluoro-2-(4-methanesulfonyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzoic acid; 3,4-difluoro-2-(2-methyl-4-methylsulfanyl-phenylamino)-benzoic acid; 2-(2-methyl-4-methylsulfanyl-phenylamino)-4-nitro-benzoic acid; 3,4, 5-trifluoro-2-(4-methanesulfinyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzoic acid; 4-fluoro-2-(4-methanesulfinyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzoic acid; 5-bromo-3,4-difluoro-2-(4-methanesulfonyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzoic acid; 3,4, 5-trifluoro-2-(2-methyl-4-methylsulfanyl-phenylamino)-benzoic acid; 4-fluoro-2-(4-methane-sulfinyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzoic acid; 5-

bromo-3,4-difluoro-2-(4-methanesulfinyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzoic acid; 3,4-difluoro-2-(4-methanesulfonyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzoic acid; 2-(4-methanesulfonyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-4-nitro-benzoic acid; N-cyclopropylmethoxy-4-fluoro-2-(2-methyl-4-methylsulfanyl-phenylamino)-benzamide; 5-bromo-N-cyclopropylmethoxy-3,4-difluoro-2-(2-methyl-4-methylsulfanyl-phenylamino)-benzamide; N-cyclopropylmethoxy-3,4-difluoro-2-(4-methanesulfinyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzamide; N-cyclopropylmethoxy-2-(4-methanesulfinyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-4-nitro-benzamide; N-cyclopropylmethoxy-3,4,5-trifluoro-2-(4-methanesulfonyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzamide; N-cyclopropylmethoxy-3,4-difluoro-2-(2-methyl-4-methylsulfanyl-phenylamino)-benzamide; N-cyclopropylmethoxy-2-(2-methyl-4-methylsulfanyl-phenylamino)-4-nitro-benzamide; N-cyclopropylmethoxy-3,4,5-trifluoro-2-(4-methanesulfinyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzamide; N-cyclopropylmethoxy-4-fluoro-2-(4-methanesulfinyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzamide; 5-bromo-N-cyclopropylmethoxy-3,4-difluoro-2-(4-methanesulfonyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzamide; N-cyclopropylmethoxy-3,4,5-trifluoro-2-(2-methyl-4-methylsulfanyl-phenylamino)-benzamide; N-cyclopropylmethoxy-4-fluoro-2-(4-methanesulfinyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzamide; 5-bromo-N-cyclopropylmethoxy-3,4-difluoro-2-(4-methanesulfinyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzamide; N-cyclopropylmethoxy-3,4-difluoro-2-(4-methanesulfonyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzamide; or N-cyclopropylmethoxy-2-(4-methanesulfonyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-4-nitro-benzamide.

Claim 24. (Original) A compound of claim 1, having the structure: 4-fluoro-N-hydroxy-2-(2-methyl-4-methylsulfanyl-phenylamino)-benzamide; 5-bromo-3,4-difluoro-N-hydroxy-2-(2-methyl-4-methylsulfanyl-phenylamino)-benzamide; 3,4-difluoro-N-

hydroxy-2-(4-methanesulfinyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzamide; N-hydroxy-2-(4-methanesulfinyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-4-nitro-benzamide; 3,4,5-trifluoro-N-hydroxy-2-(4-methanesulfonyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzamide; 3,4-difluoro-N-hydroxy-2-(2-methyl-4-methylsulfanyl-phenylamino)-benzamide; N-hydroxy-2-(2-methyl-4-methylsulfanyl-phenylamino)-4-nitro-benzamide; 8: 3,4,5-trifluoro-N-hydroxy-2-(4-methanesulfinyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzamide; 4-fluoro-N-hydroxy-2-(4-methanesulfinyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzamide; 5-bromo-3,4-difluoro-N-hydroxy-2-(4-methanesulfonyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzamide; 3,4,5-trifluoro-N-hydroxy-2-(2-methyl-4-methylsulfanyl-phenylamino)-benzamide; 4-fluoro-N-hydroxy-2-(4-methanesulfinyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzamide; 5-bromo-3,4-difluoro-N-hydroxy-2-(4-methanesulfinyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzamide; 3,4-difluoro-N-hydroxy-2-(4-methanesulfonyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzamide; or N-hydroxy-2-(4-methanesulfonyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-4-nitro-benzamide.

Claim 25. (Cancelled).

Claim 26. (Previously presented) The compound of claim 1, having a structure selected from: 5-bromo-2-(2-chloro-4-methylsulfanyl-phenylamino)-3,4-difluoro-benzoic acid; 2-(2-chloro-4-methanesulfinyl-phenylamino)-3,4-difluoro-benzoic acid; 2-(2-chloro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenylamino)-3,4,5-trifluoro-benzoic acid; 2-(2-chloro-4-methylsulfanyl-phenylamino)-3,4-difluoro-benzoic acid; 5-bromo-2-(2-chloro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenylamino)-3,4-difluoro-benzoic acid; 2-(2-Chloro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenylamino)-3,4-difluoro-benzoic acid; 5-bromo-2-(2-chloro-4-methylsulfanyl-phenylamino)-N-cyclopropylmethoxy-3,4-difluoro-benzamide; 2-(2-chloro-4-methanesulfinyl-phenylamino)-N-cyclopropylmethoxy-3,4-difluoro-benzamide;

2-(2-chloro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenylamino)-N-cyclopropylmethoxy-3,4,5-trifluoro-benzamide; 2-(2-chloro-4-methylsulfonyl-phenylamino)-N-cyclopropylmethoxy-3,4-difluoro-benzamide; 2-(2-chloro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenylamino)-N-cyclopropylmethoxy-3,4,5-trifluoro-benzamide; 5-bromo-2-(2-chloro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenylamino)-N-cyclopropylmethoxy-3,4-difluoro-benzamide; 2-(2-chloro-4-methylsulfonyl-phenylamino)-N-cyclopropylmethoxy-3,4,5-trifluoro-benzamide; and 2-(2-chloro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenylamino)-N-cyclopropylmethoxy-3,4-difluoro-benzamide.

Claim 27. (Original) The compound of claim 1, having a structure selected from: 2-(4-Ethynyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-4-fluoro-benzoic acid; 5-Bromo-2-(4-ethynyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-3,4-difluoro-benzoic acid; N-Cyclopropylmethoxy-2-(4-ethynyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-3,4-difluoro-benzamide; N-Cyclopropylmethoxy-2-(4-ethynyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-4-nitro-Benzamide; 2-(4-Ethynyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-3,4,5-trifluoro-N-hydroxy-benzamide; 2-(4-Ethynyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-3,4-difluoro-benzoic acid; 2-(4-Ethynyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-4-nitro-benzoic acid; N-Cyclopropylmethoxy-2-(4-ethynyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-3,4,5-trifluoro-benzamide, 4-Fluoro-N-hydroxy-2-(4-methanesulfonyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzamide; 5-Bromo-2-(4-ethynyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-3,4-difluoro-N-hydroxy-benzamide; 2-(4-Ethynyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-3,4,5-trifluoro-benzoic acid; N-Cyclopropylmethoxy-2-(4-ethynyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-4-fluoro-benzamide; 5-Bromo-N-cyclopropyl methoxy-2-(4-ethynyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-3,4-difluoro-benzamide; 2-(4-Ethynyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-3,4-difluoro-N-hydroxy-benzamide; 2-(4-Ethynyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-N-hydroxy-4-nitro-benzamide; 2-(4-Ethynyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-4-fluoro-benzoic acid; N-Cyclopropyl methoxy-2-(4-ethynyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-4-fluoro-benzamide;

and 4-Fluoro-N-hydroxy-2-(4-methanesulfinyl-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzamide.

Claim 28. (Previously presented) The compound of claim 1, having a structure selected from: 2-(2-Chloro-4-ethynyl-phenylamino)-4-fluoro-benzoic acid; 5-Bromo-2-(2-chloro-4-ethynyl-phenylamino)-3,4-difluoro-benzoic acid; 2-(2-Chloro-4-ethynyl-phenylamino)-N-cyclopropylmethoxy-3,4-difluoro-benzamide; 2-(2-Chloro-4-ethynyl-phenylamino)-N-cyclopropylmethoxy-4-nitro-benzamide; 2-(2-Chloro-4-ethynyl-phenylamino)-N-hydroxy-3,4,5-trifluoro-benzamide; 2-(2-Chloro-4-ethynyl-phenylamino)-3,4-difluoro-benzoic acid; 2-(4-Ethynyl-2-chloro-phenylamino)-4-nitro-benzoic acid; 2-(2-Chloro-4-ethynyl-phenylamino)-N-Cyclopropylmethoxy-3,4,5-trifluoro-benzamide; 2-(2-chloro-4-methanesulfinyl-phenylamino)-4-fluoro-N-hydroxy-benzamide; 5-Bromo-2-(4-ethynyl-2-chloro-phenylamino)-3,4-difluoro-N-hydroxy-benzamide; 2-(2-Chloro-4-ethynyl-phenylamino)-3,4,5-trifluoro-benzoic acid; 2-(2-Chloro-4-ethynyl-phenylamino)-N-cyclopropylmethoxy-4-fluoro-benzamide; 5-Bromo-2-(2-chloro-4-ethynyl-phenylamino)-N-cyclopropylmethoxy-3,4-difluoro-benzamide; 2-(4-Ethynyl-2-chloro-phenylamino)-3,4-difluoro-N-hydroxy-benzamide; 2-(4-Ethynyl-2-chloro-phenylamino)-N-hydroxy-4-nitro-benzamide; 2-(2-Chloro-4-ethynyl-phenylamino)-4-fluoro-benzoic acid; 2-(2-Chloro-4-ethynyl-phenylamino)-N-cyclopropylmethoxy-4-fluoro-benzamide; and 2-(2-Chloro-4-methanesulfinyl-phenylamino)-4-fluoro-N-hydroxy-benzamide.

Claim 29. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of claim 1 and a pharmaceutically-acceptable carrier.

Claims 30-50 (Cancelled).